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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re U.S. Patent Application of****MIYAMOTO et al.****Application Number: 10/766,206****Filed: January 29, 2004****For: DISK ARRAY APPARATUS****Attorney Docket No. ASAM.0105****Art Unit 2653****Examiner
Castro, Angel A.****Commissioner of Patents****P.O. Box 1450****Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****COVER LETTER**

Sir:

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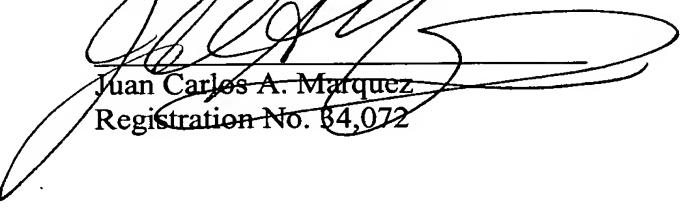
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, the period for response to which expires on March 23, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: